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In re the PATENT application of

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Temperature Control System and Method for Heating and

Maintaining Medical Items at Desired Temperatures

## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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For:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1(Twice Amended). A temperature control system for heating medical items to desired temperatures comprising:

a system housing;

a heating chamber disposed within said housing for receiving at least one medical item and heating said at least one medical item to a desired temperature, wherein said heating chamber includes:

<u>a medical item support structure to support said at least one medical item within said</u>

<u>heating chamber and including</u> at least one receptacle each for receiving a corresponding medical

item and heating said corresponding medical item to said desired temperature, wherein said each